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SUBJECT: SENGHOR CALLS CAIRO SUMMIT A SUCCESS, ANTICIPATES

US INITIATIVES IN NORTH-SOUTH TALKS

1. PRESIDENT SENGHOR RETURNED TO DAKAR MARCH 10 FROM AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT, ACCOMPANIED IN HIS AIRCRAFT BY MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH AND CAPE VERDIAN PRIME MINISTER PEDRO PIRES. SENEGALESE LEADER MET BRIEFLY WITH PRESS UPON ARRIVAL.

2. SENGHOR SAID THAT, DESPITE "DIFFICULT MOMENTS" AT AFRO-ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE, CAIRO SUMMIT HAD LED IN TO "COMPLETE ACCORD" AND "FULL SUCCESS." AMONG SUMMIT ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HE CITED CAIRO DECLARATION AND ACTION PROGRAM (WHICH HE NOTED HAD BEEN INITIATED LAST YEAR IN DAKAR), POLITICAL DECLARATION "TO SUPPORT NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND PALESTINE," AND DECLARATION ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION, AS WELL AS "STRUCTURES OF COOPERATION" INCLUDING PERMANENT COMMISSION, COORDINATION COMMITTEE, SPECIALIZED WORKING GROUP AND COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION, SENGHOR CONCLUDED, WAS OFF TO A GOOD START.

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3. ASKED IF, IN VIEW OF ABAB "LARGESS," AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION WAS NOT ONE-WAY STREET, AT LEAST ON FINANCIAL PLANE, SENGHOR RESPONDED IN NEGATIVE. "THE PETROLEUM COUNTRIES ARE GENEROUS. THEY GAVE MUCH; THEY WILL GIVE MUCH MORE. BUT AFRICA HAS NUMEROUS RICHES IN RAW MATERIALS OF SUCH A SORT THAT EVERYBODY GAINS FROM COOPERATION. OUR ABAB BROTHERS

BRING MUCH AND BLACK AFRICA BRINGS A GREAT DEAL ALSO. IT IS
THUS ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY AND AN EQUAL WILL TO COOPERATE
THAT ARABO-AFRICAN COOPERATION HAS BEGUN."

4. QUESTIONED ON REPORTED RECONCILIATION OF KING HUSSEIN
AND YASSIR ARAFAT, SENGHOR SAID "IT'S A NATURAL RECONCILI-
ATION BECAUSE ALL ARABS ARE INTERESTED IN A DYNAMIC SOLU-
TION TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. ON THE OTHER HAND,
THIS RECONCILIATION WILL PERMIT THE ARAB CAUSE TO TRIUMPH
MORE EASILY." ASKED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR TRIANGULAR "EURO-
AFRO-ARAB" COOPERATION IN WAKE OF CAIRO, SENGHOR REPLIED,
"IT WILL BE NECESSARY BEFOREHAND TO RESOLVE THE NORTH-
SOUTH PROBLEM. AS YOU WILL HAVE READ IN THE PAPERS,
PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER IS DISPOSED TO MAKE A NEW EFFORT
TO FIND A SOLUTION--A DYNAMIC COOPERATION--TO THE NORTH-
SOUTH DIALOGUE."
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